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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY  
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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SO, KE, ET, EG

SUBJECT: KENYANS FORCE DOWN EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) CAIRO 05084 (B) NAIROBI 2449

1. IN RESPONSE TO GHALI'S APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL A, YOU  
MAY TELL HIM THAT WE HAD CONSIDERED GOE REQUEST AND HAD  
HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PUT IN A USEFUL WORD ON BEHALF OF A  
REASONABLE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WHENEVER THE OPPOR-  
TUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF. KENYANS HAD ALREADY RAISED  
INCIDENT WITH US PRIOR TO GOE APPROACH, AND HAD INFORMED  
US THAT THEY INTERCEPTED EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT ONLY AFTER  
SUCCESSIVE OVERFLIGHTS OF KENYAN TERRITORY BY EGYPTIAN  
AIRCRAFT WITHOUT CLEARANCE ON TWO PRECEDING DAYS AND  
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EXPLICIT WARNINGS TO EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI OVER  
THESE FLIGHTS (REFTEL B).

2. WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, YOU COULD ADD THAT WE  
HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR ENDORSEMENT OF WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD TO  
BE KENYAN WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT,

CREW AND CARGO. WE HOPE THAT THE FORCING DOWN OF THE KENYAN AIRCRAFT OVER EGYPT WILL NOT COMPLICATE THE SITUATION ANY FURTHER, AND THAT RELEASE OF ALL AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE PLACE RIGHT AWAY.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU COULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT IN CONSIDERING GHALI'S SUGGESTION OF A DETAILED U.S. DEMARCHE TO GOK ON BEHALF OF GOE, WE HAD BEEN FRANKLY SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO ASSIST GOE IN THIS REGARD. KENYANS HAVE NOT BEEN IN ANY MOOD TO BE RECEPTIVE TO THE TYPE OF ARGUMENTS PUT FORTH BY GHALI IN SUPPORT OF GOE'S MODERATING EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA--WITNESS THEIR CONDEMNATION OF IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA AND PUBLIC WARNING BY KENYA FONMIN FEBRUARY 14 THAT KENYA WILL TAKE A "VERY HOSTILE ATTITUDE" TOWARDS COUNTRIES SUPPLYING ARMS TO SOMALIA. WE HAVE NOT FOUND GOK RECEPTIVE TO OUR OWN ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN BACKGROUND OF OUR EVENHANDED POLICY IN HORN. PARTICULARLY GIVEN KENYAN POSITION CONCERNING CLEARANCE AND PRIOR WARNING, AN APPROACH BY US TO KENYA ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY EGYPT COULD WELL HAVE BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, POSSIBLY EVEN SUGGESTING TO THE KENYANS U.S.-EGYPTIAN COLLUSION IN COVERT MILITARY SUPPORT OF SOMALIA. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE INTEREST OF PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT IN THE HORN WE ALL SEEK. VANCE

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